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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to parts of igniter, classified in class 102, subclass 202.9; and

Group II, claims 8-14, drawn to a method of manufacturing parts of igniter, classified in class 102, subclass 202.12.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has further required an election in the present application between the following patentably distinct species:

- a. the pin is rod like shaped;
- b. the pin is nail like shaped; and
- c. the pin has a groove.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species b. the pin is nail like shaped, without traverse.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 are directed to the elected species. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are generic.

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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Attached is a Petition for Extension o	f Time.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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